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1. The reorganization of the German police in the Soviet [REDACTED] is continuing. While to date there have been relatively [REDACTED] changes on the Land level, developments in the Berlin-Wilhelmsruhe headquarters of the German Administration of the Interior, and especially in the Advanced Police School (which is part of the GAI installations in Wilhelmsruhe) indicate both a militaristic trend and a centralization of the police and state security organization which, when carried to its logical conclusion, can be compared with the organization of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (RSHA) in the last years of the Hitler regime. The following developments, while not perhaps important by themselves, indicate the trend:

The Administrative Police (Verwaltungspolizei) is gradually disappearing. Formerly one of the three important branches of the police (the others being the Schutzpolizei and the Kriminalpolizei), the Administrative Police [REDACTED]

Administrative Police by a branch called "Intendantur", responsible only for the supply functions of what was formerly the Administrative Police. Subjects pertaining to the Administrative Police are no longer taught at the Advanced Police School.

President Fischer of the GAI recommended to the SMA that all police employees (except criminal police on plain-clothes duty) be required to wear uniforms at all times with the appropriate rank insignia. Mickin, Chief of Personnel, is now wearing the uniform of a Police Colonel.

Comment: Formerly only the Schutzpolizei wore uniforms.)

The SMA has disapproved, for the time being, the recommendations of the GAI to establish a separate criminal police organization to deal with political and economic crimes.

Comment: This presumably refers to the planned unification of K-5 (Political Police) with K-3 (Crimes against the National Economy). It is believed that [REDACTED]

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of a temporary nature; the establishment of the kind of office which a unification of K-5 and K-3 would represent is entirely consistent with the prevailing trend in the Soviet zone and would parallel the early development of the NKVD in the USSR.)

5. There is increasing talk that the Advanced Police School will be moved from Berlin-Wilhelmsruhe to Kustrin. No final decision has been taken yet, but leading GAI officials have expressed the view privately that the present location of the school is unsatisfactory from a security point of view. Experience has shown that students who seemed to have been properly indoctrinated were shaken in their beliefs after coming in contact with the population in the western sectors of Berlin, the Western-licensed press, and the non-Communist radio stations. Removal of the school to Kustrin would appear to solve that problem.
6. President Fischer of the GAI stated on several occasions that the character of the Advanced Police School would be changed in the near future. Its functions will change to those of a "Military Academy". No details on this subject could be obtained.

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